

But We See Jesus (Hebrews 2:9-11)

Through the years I have heard of various Jesus sightings in the news. One fellow said he saw a 600 foot tall Jesus. Some have seen what they think is the face of Jesus delapidated billboards, in rock formations, I even heard of one Jesus sighting on the toasted bread of a grilled cheese sandwich. One particular sighting I read of was concerned a man that was declared dead for some 30 min and was resuscitated. While he was dead, he claims to have seen Jesus in all his glory. The man says he fell before Jesus in awe and worshipped him. This encounter changed this man for the rest of his life. I don't know what this man saw but all I know is that seeing Jesus changed my life. No I didn't see Him in a vision or on a ham sandwich. The word see here is to look at, perceive, regard, take heed. This letter was written long after Jesus death-resurrection. Not we saw Jesus but we see Jesus. Now that's a life changing vision. But before we see Jesus ^{rightly} we must see our selves. vs 6-8 or like a mirror pretty good until But now... Man is fallen from original state. But now in the midst of this dark picture of man's lost dominion the writer calls our attention to a bright beam of light that pierces the surrounding gloom. It is Jesus "See Him, Christ the one who saves. Is 45:22 Look unto me... Let us see Jesus tonight.

I We See Jesus in His Humiliation - ②

A. In vs 9 the majestic phrase "But we see Jesus" but then followed by made lower... if we are to perceive and see Christ properly we must see His Humiliation. The Humbling of Himself. Only way for Him to be for ^{be one of us.} us ^{to be} to be

B. The Humiliation of His Incarnation - The most unbelievable fact concerning the Lord Jesus is not that He could open blinded eyes, raise the dead walk on water or feed the multitude. The most unbelievable fact concerning the Lord Jesus is that He came at all. He reigned as God in all eternity past in majesty and glory. And on that first Christmas day descended into our world of sin and wickedness. While back I had some plumbing problems. Drain was clogged. I went under the house and went to one of the clean outs, looked around and opened it. The foul stench and nasty back up poured out. I affected

C. The Humiliation of His Expiration - Not only did he come to us and become one of us but he died for us. Phil 2: 7-8. When we were preaching in Chicago last year, I heard a black preacher preach at the Pacific G.M. (White men can't jump, most of them can't preach neither) He had simple outline from Ps 14. He said the Lord Looked down then He came down, then He laid down. See the humiliation in the suffering of Death. Lord Jesus could have chosen not to come, and we would have all fallen into God's Judgment and God would have been praised forever for His justice. But No! He came to the humiliating cross. ^{Hebrews 2} Spat upon. Hung on a cross. ^{of a curse} Knew all the universe ^{in the} ^{of a curse}

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Philippians 2:7-8 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Hebrews 12:2who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame...

The old preacher **R.G. Lee** said it best: He came down from the adorations of heaven to the abominations of earth. **Blessedness** to the **bruises** of crucifixion tortures. **Coronations** to the **condemnations**. **Delights** to the **defamations**. **Excellencies** to the **executions**. From the **favor** of the Father's face to the **fury** of men's faces. **Glory place** to the **gory place**. **Hallelujahs** to the **hisses**. **Majesties** to the **miseries**. **Nobleness** to the **nothingness**. **Riches** to the **ridicules**. **Songs** to the **sneers**. **Virtues** to the **vices**.

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Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Ephesians 1:21-22Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,.

Psalms 47:5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Psalms 24:7-8 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

...down the street of gold right up to the throne of Almighty God!
Can you hear the roar of a billion Hallelujah's of adoration and praise as he sat down! It is finished! The battle is over! It is finished, the victory's been won! See Jesus! See Jesus! In His Exaltation!

II. We See Jesus In His Exaltation 3

A. Christ may have been Humiliated, to walk in the sea pool of sin and suffer on a cross for sin, but that is not the end of the story. Christ is not a helpless martyr for a fallen political or social movement, He was exalted ^{by your need}

B. The Reason for His Exaltation - Notice that word "was" "who was made..." That word was means he aint that no more. Not he good english but sure is good preaching. Upon completion of the citizenship death upon the cross, his burial in a honorable tomb and his glorious resurrection from the grave, Christ was exalted to the right hand of the father. Moment ago we read Philp 2:8 Christ humbled himself to the cross [←] vs 9 goes on... This well pleasing perfectly obedient son, God has exalted as Eph 1:21 [←] says... He was exalted because Christ completed the work which the father hath sent him to do.

C. The Reality of His Exaltation - Word "Glorify" here means praise or worship. The word "Honor" means ^{to} value or esteem to the highest degree. Have you ever seen the ticker tape paraded in NY city for military heroes or sports champions. Thousands of people cheering and shouting praises to earthly heroes. What must it have been like when the Lord

Jesus ascended past the bounds of earth? Ps 47:5 Can you hear the melodious shouts of a million angelic beings celebrate the victory of all victories! Ps 47:7-8. Hear the swarm of clapping and cheering as Jesus walks through the pearly gates of Heaven and

III. We See Jesus in His Salvation - 4

A. Humiliation... Exaltation... Fine + good but if you miss seeing Christ in His Salvation it could mean the difference between ^{eternity in Heaven or Hell...}

B. The Running of Salvation - Remember how we looked in the mirror: Fallen, broken, tainted w/ sin of Adam unable to please God, Separated from Him, dead in trespass + sin. But now we see Jesus! vs 9 by the Grace... That means that this amazing death Christ suffered + died which brings many sons to glory, is graciously given as a gift from God. Can't be earned or merited, not gained by giving, ^{my stripes, ones} not bestowed?

C. The Object of Salvation - I love these last 3 little words in vs. 9. Christ's death was for all men no matter who they. Just as all have sinned. Christ died so that all may be saved. None are excluded. There is not one living person on ^{this} planet that the Gospel is not fitted for. If you are here lost today lift up your eyes into Jesus 1 Peter 3:18

D. The Offering for Salvation - "Should taste death" the phrase reminds me of Christ's suffering in the Garden where Jesus prayed that the cup would pass from Him. But the submissive son ends his prayer "not my will but thine..." He tasted suffering + death on the cross on my behalf. Jesus you see was my substitute my offering. John McArthur defines substitution by saying "On the cross, Jesus was

IV. Closing Do you see Jesus? Perceive regard take heed to Jesus? Do you believe upon Him? In 2:19 Are you blinded by the God of this world? Blind Helen Keller said "Of the blind put their hand in God's, they find there were more power than those who see. but have no faith"

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Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

I like what AT Robinson said in his New Testament Word Pictures here: "[Christ's] death was in behalf of every one, and sufficient for all, efficient for some."

...guilty of nothing but God treated Jesus as if he had committed personally every sin ever committed by every person... though in fact he committed none of them."

John 20:29 *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

Hebrews 11:27 *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*